

## **ACCIDENT**

### ***involving the glider registered D-5350***

<b>Event:</b>	Missed field landing.
<b>Probable causes:</b>	Late decision to make a field landing. Inappropriate choice of landing site.

<b>Consequences and damage:</b>	Pilot injured, aircraft destroyed.
<b>Type of aircraft:</b>	Schleicher ASK 23 glider.
<b>Date and time:</b>	Thursday 12 April 2001 at 16 h 30.
<b>Owner:</b>	Club.
<b>Place:</b>	Montagnac Montpezat (04), altitude 590 metres.
<b>Type of flight:</b>	Local.
<b>Persons on board:</b>	Pilot.
<b>Licenses and experience:</b>	Pilot, aged 36, VV issued by Germany in 1999, 115 flying hours of which 2 in the previous three months and 26 on type.
<b>Meteorological conditions:</b>	Recorded by other gliders in the sector: wind calm, visibility over 10 km.

#### **Circumstances**

The pilot took off from Vinon aerodrome at 13 h 36 for a local flight. He gained altitude and reached 2,100 metres. On arriving over the Asse valley, the glider lost 900 metres. The pilot explained that since he couldn't find any more updrafts, he decided to land. He saw a non-listed field which seemed good to him and flew over from the south to the north above it. Judging it too narrow to make a landing towards the west, he preferred to land towards the north, taking into account the presence of rows of trees to the south and north of the field. He came in relatively high in order to avoid the first row of trees. On short final, he noticed that the field was convex. He could not stop the glider in time and crashed into the row of trees at the other end of the field.



D-5350 on 12 April 2001